

COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~JUNE 29, 2021~

# County Hosts Independence Day Celebrations July 2, July 3 & July 4



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is offering residents and visitors several options for celebrating Independence Day this year.

#### **Star Spangled Sterling**

Sterling Community Center hosts the annual "Star Spangled Sterling" Friday, July 2, 2021, from 7

**p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at the Sterling Middle School track field. The evening features food trucks, a DJ, children's activities, including an obstacle course, and a family-friendly movie followed by fireworks. Attendees are urged to park in the school's lot and make their way to the track field. Sterling Middle School is located at 201 W. Holly Avenue in Sterling Park. The event is free.

The Sterling Golf Club will host the fireworks display alongside the County; viewers can watch from the Sterling Middle School track and surrounding areas outside of club grounds. The club itself will be closed for the day.

Call 703-430-9480 for more information.

#### **Old-Time Fourth of July Celebration**

On Sunday, July 4, Claude Moore Park hosts the annual "Old-time Fourth of July Celebration" **from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m**. featuring live music, crafts, nature exhibits, historic tours and carnival games. Food will be available for purchase. Attendees should use the Loudoun Park Lane entrance into the park.

Tickets are \$5 for ages five and older and can be purchased in advance at <u>loudoun.gov/webtrac</u> or purchased at the event by cash or check. Claude Moore Park is located at 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling.

Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

Learn More About PRCS Events for the Fourth of July

## **Sterling Community Vaccination Clinic**

The next Sterling community COVID-19 vaccination clinic is scheduled **Sunday**, **July 11**, **2021**, **11:00** am—**6:00** pm, at Meadowland Elementary School, 729 Sugarland Run, Sterling.

The event will offer the 2-dose Pfizer vaccine to

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 11 AM - 6 PM

Rolling Ridge Elementary School 500 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling SUNDAY, JULY 11 11 AM - 6 PM

Meadowland Elementary School 729 Sugarland Run, Sterling

Pfizer vaccine for anyone 12 and older. Walk-ins welcome or appointments can be made in advance at:

anyone 12 and older. A second dose event will be held on **Sunday, August 1st** at **Meadowland Elementary School**.

#### **Walk-ins Welcome, Advance Appointments Available**

If you would like to make an appointment, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Visit the Medspack appointment website
- 2. Enter your email address in the email field.

- 3. Under "For which dose of COVID-19 vaccine do you want to sign up?" select "First and second dose."
- 4. Under "Choose Location," select your preferred location.
- 5. Select a first and second dose time slot.
- 6. Fill out the required information on the form.
- 7. In the insurance information fields please enter insurance information such as BIN number, PCN, Group and/or ID number. If insurance information is unavailable, please type NA in the box.
- 8. Once you complete the immunization questionnaire, you will be asked to sign twice.
- 9. Press the submit button at the bottom, wait for the success message page to appear and check your email provided in the form to view your confirmation.
- 10. Please bring or show your confirmation email on the day of your vaccination.

Details about this clinic and other community vaccination events are online at loudoun.gov/vaccineevents.

# **TONIGHT: Board of Supervisors to Hold Transportation Summit June 29**



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Transportation Summit for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 29</u>, <u>2021</u>, <u>beginning at 6:00 p.m.</u>

The summit is intended to provide Board members with a dedicated opportunity to discuss transportation issues, one of the Board's

strategic focus areas. Representatives of the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure will provide the Board with updates on several topics, including:

• An overview of how the Virginia Department of Transportation works with the county on transportation projects.

- An overview of the Countywide Transportation Plan.
- A summary of the transportation project development process.
- An in-depth review of the traffic signal project development process and the county's efforts to streamline the process.
- A status report on implementation of county-led data collection and signal warrant analysis for development applications.

The Transportation Summit will take place in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg and will be televised on Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40 and livestreamed at <a href="loudoun.gov/meetings">loudoun.gov/meetings</a>. Documents for the meeting will be posted at <a href="loudoun.gov/bosdocuments">loudoun.gov/bosdocuments</a>.

# Virginia Employment Commission Phone Appointments

The Virginia Employment Commission is pleased to offer claimants the option to schedule appointments to speak directly to a representative from the Virginia Employment Commission regarding their claim.



Appointments are very

limited and are not guaranteed to lead to any resolution or payment of claims.

Virginia Career Works Centers are available to provide job seeker assistance onsite but will not be able to provide in-person assistance with your unemployment insurance claim, it will only be provided by phone appointments.

You can schedule an appointment based on your permanent residence at <a href="https://vaunemploymenthelp.as.me/schedule.php">https://vaunemploymenthelp.as.me/schedule.php</a>

Note: PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE MORE THAN ONE APPOINTMENT AND ONLY SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT THAT IS APPLICABLE TO YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

A VEC representative will be calling based on your appointment time/day. Please be sure to answer your phone, as the number may show up on caller identification as "restricted" or "unknown". Staff will attempt to call one time and if there is no answer, they will try one additional time and then will move onto other appointments.

Alternatively, you may also call the customer contact center at 1 (866) 832-2363. Please note, wait times in the customer contact center may be long due to high call volumes.

# APPLICATIONS OPEN: Loudoun Nonprofits, Faith-Based Organizations Encouraged to Apply for American Rescue Plan Act Funds





Loudoun County nonprofits and faith-based groups affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to apply for funding from Loudoun County.

loudoun.gov/grantopportunities

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving Loudoun County residents are encouraged to apply for financial assistance available through the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding will support organizations that are working to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Applications are NOW AVAILABLE at <u>loudoun.gov/grantopportunities</u>.

County staff will present information on this funding opportunity in a webinar **Wednesday, June 30 at 9:00 a.m.** Anyone interested in attending the webinar should email their name and the name of their organization to <a href="mailto:nonprofits@loudoun.gov">nonprofits@loudoun.gov</a> to receive log-on information for the webinar.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recently approved a spending plan for the county's ARPA funding. This plan includes a variety of programs to help the county recover from the effects of the pandemic, including support for the business community, the tourism industry, the county's ongoing vaccination efforts, telehealth and broadband services. In addition, the plan includes an allocation of \$2.5 million to nonprofit organizations that are assisting the community with COVID-19 response and recovery.

The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Applications will be reviewed, and funding will be provided on a rolling basis.

Learn More

# REMINDER: Loudoun Fire Officials Offer Critical Fireworks Safety Tips

As COVID-19 restrictions across the region are being lifted, many Fourth of July fireworks displays around Loudoun County are back on the calendar.

Loudoun County's Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) encourages residents to attend professionally coordinated fireworks shows instead of using consumer



fireworks on your own. Fireworks cause thousands of serious injuries every year that send adults and children to the emergency room.

If you choose to use fireworks, know the risks, PROCEED WITH CAUTION and follow these safety tips!

- DON'T use illegal fireworks!
- NEVER use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol!
- DON'T light fireworks indoors!
- NEVER allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks and maintain constant adult supervision.
- DON'T light fireworks in your hand!
- NEVER point or throw fireworks at anyone!
- DON'T try to re-light "a dud" or malfunctioning firework!

Remember that fireworks can disrupt those sleeping, scare pets, and can be traumatic for veterans. Be a good neighbor and be considerate of those around you.

Click here for more safety tips

# One Dozen Businesses Advance in Loudoun Innovation Challenge, People's Choice Voting Underway



The Loudoun Economic Development Authority announced the advancement of 12 businesses in its annual Innovation Challenge, designed to recognize local companies that are rethinking the status quo in their industries.

This year's contest received more than 100 applications for six grants totaling \$150,000, including a \$40,000 first place prize and a \$10,000 People's Choice Award. The open period for voting on the People's Choice Award starts today at LoudounInnovationChallenge.com.

The highest overall score will be granted First Place, while runners up will be named in each of the four topic categories. The results of a popular vote will determine the People's Choice Award.

Voting for the People's Choice Award will remain open <u>until 11:59 pm on July 22, 2021</u>. Learn more and cast your vote at <u>LoudounInnovationChallenge.com</u>.

# Loudoun County to Hold Ribbon Cutting for Davis Drive Extension July 1

Loudoun County will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Davis Drive extension Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

The extension of Davis Drive completes a missing link in Loudoun County's road network by providing a roadway connection between

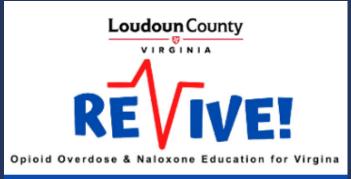


Old Ox Road (Route 606) and South Sterling Boulevard (Route 846). Previously, vehicles traveling between these roadways had to use either Route 28 or Shaw Road.

The event will take place on Davis Drive near Old Ox Road in the vicinity of 22900 Platform Plaza. To access the site, approach Davis Drive from Sterling Boulevard and turn south. Then follow Davis Drive all the way to the marked-off ribbon cutting site near Old Ox Road. Currently there is no access to Davis Drive from Old Ox Road.

The Davis Drive project constructed a four-lane, undivided roadway between Old Ox Road and the existing road that previously terminated at Transdulles Plaza. There is 6-foot sidewalk on the east side of the road and a 10-foot shared use path on the west side of the road. The developer of Waterside North designed the improvements, provided right-of-way and easements, and funded the construction. This project completes a major connection and north-south alternative to Route 28, called for in the Countywide Transportation Plan.

Learn How to Reverse an Opioid Overdose July 1 or July 8



# loudoun.gov/revive

Space is available in an upcoming Revive! class, Loudoun County's virtual opioid overdose reversal training.

Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who does is encouraged to take the class to learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

The next trainings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, July 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 8, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

The training is free, open to everyone and lasts about an hour. Those interested in attending must preregister at the link below. The training is open only to preregistered participants.

Details and a link to register for the free, one-hour class can be found at <u>loudoun.gov/revive</u>.

## **Rental Assistance in Virginia: How to Get It**

While state and federal pandemic eviction protections have been extended for an additional 30 days, there is still help available to tenants who have fallen behind on their rent.

To date, Virginia has distributed almost \$250 million to tens of thousands of households, according to the Department of Housing and Community



Development, which is overseeing the program.

Who is eligible for help?

Applicants must meet three primary financial criteria:

- The monthly rent must be at or below 150 percent of the federally designated fair market rent for their locality.
- The household's income at the time of the application must fall below 80 percent of the area median income.
- The applicant must have experienced financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

#### **How to get it?**

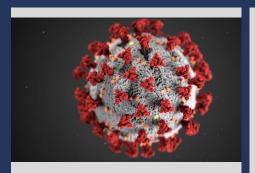
Tenants or landlords can <u>apply through the state's website</u>. Applications require documentation, some of which must come from the tenant and some of which must come from the landlord.

The tenant is required to provide a proof of income in the form of a pay stub, bank statement, letter from an employer or other official documentation.

Either party can provide a copy of the lease or other documentation outlining the rental relationship.

**Learn More and Apply** 

## **Stay Informed!**



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

 To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

- Wear a mask/face covering (see requirements)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con LCCOVIDESP al 88877
   7 para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email <a href="mailto:health@loudoun.gov">health@loudoun.gov</a>.

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